

Welcome to Stanford!

From the Bechtel International Center

Dear Student,

Congratulations on your admittance to Stanford! We are delighted to meet you in September and have been busy preparing for your arrival. We know you will find Stanford University to be a diverse and stimulating community with global faculty and staff and over 6,000 international students and scholars from over 120 countries.

As you prepare for your arrival at Stanford in September, we want to let you know of a few particular services that we offer to our international student community.

- Orientation! We plan a robust Orientation for you that covers visa regulations, social events, and practical matters. Please be sure to plan ahead and arrive for Orientation: <http://icenter.stanford.edu/docs/orientation/schedule.pdf>
- As your visa documents make their way through the system, consult our website for next steps in the visa process for Stanford, and your arrival in the US: http://icenter.stanford.edu/quick_reference/visa_info.html
- We work with a terrific organization called the Community Committee for International Students (CCIS) who offer a number of programs for internationals: <http://www.ccisstanfordu.org/internationals/programsInt.htm>.
- CCIS offers a homestay program with local families (up to 5 days) before moving to your school-year residence by August 15. This is a great program to start off your school year and help you get settled to your new home at Stanford: <http://ccisstanfordu.org/internationals/Homestay.html>
- CCIS also offers a Loan Closet during Orientation (Mid September) to borrow household goods such as linens, dishes, etc. <http://www.ccisstanfordu.org/internationals/loancloset.htm>.
- Plan for your family to be involved in the Stanford Community through our spouse and children's programs: <http://icenter.stanford.edu/families/index.html>
- Start thinking about logistics in arrival and those first few weeks – check out our Orientation Guide for tips: http://icenter.stanford.edu/orientation/orientation_guide.html
- Start learning about US Health Insurance: <http://vaden/entrance-requirements>

The staff of the I-Center is here for you all summer. Please don't hesitate to contact if you have any questions at internationalstudents@stanford.edu. Definitely start checking your Stanford email – we will communicate with you through your Stanford email from here on out and will be sending important reminders in the next upcoming months.

With best wishes,
Bechtel International Center Team

